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IN THE SAME BUSINESS

U. P. Thurston and B. M. Manderson
Are Two of a Kind.

THEY BOTH HELPED TO ROB US.

What Interest has a Farmer or Merchant in Which Gets the Delegation and the Spoils

The Whole Game is to Catch Suckers and Gather in the Boogie.

Thurston is in the United States senate as a representative of the Union Pacific railroad, and all other corporations, trusts, and money power interests. Manderson was in the United States senate for twelve years as a representative of the same trusts and money power interests, and is now the general attorney of the B. & M. railroad. One is as good as the other, and neither have any interest in the masses of the people. They both have supported and howled for the republican party through all its maladministration since the war, which has resulted in concentrating the wealth of the nation into the hands of the few who make up the money power, control the corporations and trust combines, while the masses who produce the wealth find "poverty staring them in the face" after "a life-time of incessant labor."

Thurston sacrificed his father to put down the rebellion, and is now ready to sacrifice his son in order to sound the foghorn of the demagogue and gain spoils for the henchmen who aid him in working the schemes to serve the interests he represents and bring prominence to himself.

Manderson is in the same business. They both supported the republican legislation that created a war debt three or four times as great as the value received for it by the government. They both supported the contraction policy, credit strengthening act, refunding schemes, demonetization of silver and specie redemption act, which appreciated the fraudulently contracted debt so that it takes now from four to ten times the amount of labor and property value to pay the debt than it would have taken when it was created.

What has been true of the fraudulently contracted national debt is true of individual debts and business. They both supported and advocated a policy that compelled the people to do business on a continually falling market, and after thirty years of paying interest, tribute and debt principals, the people find that they are deeper in debt, national, state, municipal and individual, than they were at the beginning. That is, after all the hundreds of millions they have paid, they find they have not reduced the debt a dollar when measured in the amount of property it takes to represent a dollar as compared with the amount it took at the beginning, while at the same time they find poverty staring them in the face.

Thurston and Manderson both supported the policy that produced this condition, and are both supporting the gold standard policy which is to continue it. What preference can the people have between the two men? Certainly none. Then why all this noise about which shall control the delegation to the republican national convention? The whole game is to catch suckers and gather in the spoils for the politicians who have the nerve and gall to take charge of the people's politics for the spoils there is in it.

John M. Thurston has promised the delegation from Nebraska to McKinley. What right has he to speak for the people of Nebraska? None whatever, but he presumes to speak for them because he has been in the habit of herding Nebraska republicans like a lot of sheep, as lobbyist, slyester politician, and agent for the corporations. He fathers the McKinley boom, hoping that if he is nominated lightning might possibly strike him as the nominee for vice-president, and falling in that, he would be assured that he would stand nearest the throne in the distribution of patronage should McKinley happen to be elected, and this would aid him in obtaining other greatness by corraling the people in his political pasture. He has no other principle in the matter.

Other men who want to stand near the throne, also, and feed a little at the public crib while Thurston feeds a good deal, have conceived the idea of bringing Manderson out as a presidential candidate, thinking to gain control of the Nebraska delegation under the plea of a home candidate, and in that way gain a standing in court by which they can demand a share of the spoils. It is a scramble of the politicians for spoils. Principles, or issue or the people's interests are foreign to every thought of the politicians who control the republican party and who have made it so corrupt and rotten that the man in the moon holds his nose when he passes over the continent. The "old school" republican frauds who "labor incessantly" to produce wealth enough to live on and who find "poverty staring them in the face" after all their efforts, are merely puppets playing in the great farce and have no standing in the politics of their party further than to count one when the census is taken and to vote for the winner in the spoils contest represented by the nominating conventions of their party.

If Thurston wins in the state convention he takes the delegation to St. Louis and delivers it for spoils reward for his henchmen who in turn will aid him to obtain greatness in the same way. If the Manderson men win, they will take the delegation to St. Louis and deliver it, receive the spoils reward for a like pur-

pose, that is all there is to the principles of the grand old republican party and those who have "never swerved for one moment in their allegiance to them." May God have mercy on their souls, as they will certainly have great sins to answer for in the after a while.

Ed. J. HALL.

OMAHA REPORTERS.

Their Capacity for Lying Shown up in a Congressional Report.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 22, 1896.

EDITOR INDEPENDENT:—The readers of the INDEPENDENT will remember the villainous way in which the Omaha reporters wrote up that congressional investigation in the Omaha Reservation last summer. They said that Captain Beck insulted them, and "the big populist senator" ordered him to "sit down." I thought you would like to know the truth about it, I therefore send you the stenographic report of that incident which is just published. It is as follows:

CAPTAIN BECK. I can show you thirty of that, sir. I want you to understand—

MR. THURSTON. Captain, I would like to make an inquiry whether we are in charge for the purpose of this inquiry in this office now, or not?

CAPTAIN BECK. Well, Senator Thurston, I haven't the slightest desire to be in any way offensive to you gentlemen, and I would think you would know that, but when this man, who has just been arrested on a warrant issued by the United States district attorney, comes here to this office and disputes my word, I don't think you can consider I am violating any law of hospitality.

MR. THURSTON. Captain we are here for the purpose of conducting a most impartial inquiry. We desire to render you every possible respect as a representative of the United States government here.

CAPTAIN BECK. Well, then, I beg your pardon. Will you be kind enough to keep this man silent?

MR. THURSTON. But we also have invited all these men to come here and meet us, and without regard to whom these people are or whether they hold any official position or whether they are under charge or under arrest. We recognize no distinction between citizens of the United States before us at this hearing, and if we are in charge of this place during this hearing we will attend to the matter of the preservation of the order and reprimand, whenever it is necessary any person in attendance. If we are not in charge for that full purpose it will be our pleasure—at least mine—to retire from the room.

CAPTAIN BECK. Very well, Senator Thurston. But I was not aware—

MR. ALLEN. I think, Senator Thurston, it is altogether improper that while the Captain or any other person is making a statement he should be interrupted.

MR. THURSTON. There is no question about that, and I think the gentleman conducting this inquiry will see to it.

CAPTAIN BECK. I was not aware, sir, that this was a formal investigation. I thought it was essentially an informal one. I am not aware that it is an authorized investigation, Senator Allen.

MR. ALLEN. No; this is not an authorized investigation. What we are endeavoring to do, Captain, is to find out the facts here from inquiry of the settlers, the Indians, and yourself.

CAPTAIN BECK. That is what I supposed; and I did not suppose that I was violating any parliamentary rule when I was attacking a man who had the impudence to interrupt me under the circumstances; that man, though he may have been invited by this honorable body, had no right to interrupt me under any circumstances, and he must not do it.

MR. THURSTON. I will agree with you, Captain Beck, that it is not a formal investigation in the sense that it has been directed by any act of the congress of the United States; but is being conducted by the Nebraska delegation in congress for the purpose of laying the result of our inquiry before congress when it assembles, and possibly for the further purpose of making our recommendations, if they are of any weight, to the department having charge of this Indian reservation.

CAPTAIN BECK. Very well, sir; all that I request—

SENATOR THURSTON. And I think we are fully in accord with you in the proposition that no witness or no person invited to speak before this delegation shall be interrupted, or that anything shall be said with our consent that in any way is offensive to any party who comes before us.

CAPTAIN BECK. The intention of the man was to insult me. I know him.

MR. ALLEN. Now, Mr. Myers, let me make a suggestion, and to all of you gentlemen. You are all going to be given a full and fair opportunity to be heard. Now, don't take advantage of your position here to interrupt anybody that is making a statement. If the statement is not correct you will have an opportunity to correct it. Now, go on, Captain.

NEBRASKAN.

The intrinsic nature of gold is just the same as it was twenty-two years ago. So is the intrinsic nature of wheat and cotton and petroleum, and every other commodity that is sold in the market. But it takes twice as much of these commodities to buy a given amount of gold, or any other money on a gold basis.—National Bimetallist.

A BOUNDLESS FRAUD.

THREE HUNDRED MILLION
CASH IN THE TREASURY.

The Bonds were Increased to Retire the Greenbacks.

In discussing Morrill's motion to take up the tariff bill Senator Stewart, showed up the real meaning of the bond sales. He said:

Mr. President, I cannot afford to hold my peace and allow the false pretense that this bill is designed to produce revenue, or that there is any necessity for a bill to produce revenue, to go unheeded. The most oppressive and the most wicked part of the bond sales is the impounding of the people's money in the Treasury Department. Financial journals in this country declare that that is one of the modes of retiring greenbacks, and the favorite mode. There will be in the Treasury when the last loan shall have been paid in, nearly \$300,000,000 of cash balance. A deficiency of \$30,000,000 a year will not draw down the cash balance in the Treasury to where it ought to be in less than four years. It will take four years for the people to get back into circulation the money which has been unlawfully taken from them by these bond sales. It will take four years to reduce this unhealthy surplus in the treasury, it matters not how it has got there. It is a sham, a pretext. Anyone who seeks to put more money there wants to impound the greenbacks to a greater extent. Additional taxation, when there is about \$300,000,000 in the Treasury, when there is a cash balance which at the present rate of deficiency cannot be drawn down to a reasonable limit in less than four years, it seems to me, is outrageous, and I hope that Congress will not adjourn until it takes some means of relieving the treasury of the surplus that has been taken away from the people.

The gold standard and the policy of impounding that little money is left has distressed the country and when it is said that the country is anxious for more taxation, that the country is rich and abounding in money and anxious for further taxation, I deny it. I deny that in all the history of this country there was ever such general distress as prevails today after twenty-five years of peace and abundant harvests. I deny that with the money impounded as it is now, with contracting circulating medium, the resources of this country can be made available. The wealth of the United States is not in its debts, but it consists in its productive power. There has not been 33 1/2 per cent of that productive power made available for the last three years because of want of money. Falling prices paralyze industry, and here we have a proposition to put \$40,000,000 a year more in the Treasury and contract the currency that much more.

THE SLOUGH HATS.

The Men Who Wear them Will Overthrow Our Oligarchy.

GILTSNER, Neb., March 2, 1896.

EDITOR INDEPENDENT.—Inclosed find \$1 for renewal of THE INDEPENDENT. I am glad the paper is improving.

The pops are so dead out here that they cast about three-fourths of the ballots, and the balance of the voters are on the mourners' bench. So, earth to earth and dust to dust, let them join the dying pops.

Allow me the space to express my appreciation of Senator Allen's sincere devotion to the cause of the people. A man who sits in the United States senate, and with the club of Knowledge and Truth pounds the heads of American traitors as they pop up, is entitled to the admiration of all loyal citizens. There are more hearts beating in sympathy with Senators Allen and Tillman than they are aware of. I believe there is a silent conviction under the slough hats of millions of patriots to deliberately overthrow the oligarchy.

By the way. Instead of the government increasing the army from the ranks of idle men, to keep in readiness for foreign foes, why not use the money required (which is about \$2,000 per annum per soldier, all told) in buying homes for the heads of families who are homeless, and if there is any foreign invasion they will not have to be defended their homes against all comers. I hope intelligence will govern the people, so there will be no need of the barbarous custom of military powers.

S. W. McDANNELL.

UNIVERSITY REPUBLICANS.

They Have a Small Minority Among the Young Men.

The republicans of the state university selected the students in the law department together last Friday night and undertook to organize a young men's republican club in the department. One of the principal motives for the pressure brought to bear on the students seemed to be to squeeze some campaign funds out of them, as the young men were told that each club must send five dollars to the national republican headquarters.

The managers of the movement found the young men of the law department of the university an altogether intractable lot. There were seventy-six students in the department. With all the pressure induced twenty-three to go in, and one of these backed out when the campaign fund business was explained to him.

Nebraska university men are not chumps. They have been doing some

thinking and studying on their own account. They don't propose to go into the gold bug camp.

It is thought by those who have the best opportunities of knowing that this proportion of 22 to 76 is about the proportion of gold bug strength among Nebraska's brightest young men, not only in all the departments of the university, but all over the state.

THAT GREAT WAVE.

How it Has Affected the Richest Country in the World—Thousands Homeless.

The prosperity of a nation or state or county or a city depends upon a combination of many things. Some of them material things, such as climate, soil or minerals. After having all the material things necessary to make a people prosperous and happy, that people must have an honest government, administered by honest, practical men, or they will not be either prosperous or happy. The United States has the best piece of ground in the world, extending from ocean to ocean and from the Gulf to the Lakes. It is located in the temperate zone, and has by far the most varied and best climate of any nation in the world. We have the best form of government, and the intelligence of our people is above that of other countries. We have to our credit more useful inventions, and have them to use, than all the other nations combined. In fact our country has the best of everything that the world can furnish. Yet with all these natural resources we have millions of men without homes, without the necessities of life. Why is it? Bad government is the only answer. Legislation in favor of the few, compelling the poor to bear the expense of government by raising the revenue by taxing the clothes they wear and the food they eat, and exempting from taxation those princely fortunes in the east that constantly grow greater whether their owners wake or sleep. By contracting the currency and so increasing the value of all money, and decreasing the value (in terms of money) of all property—result, property decrease in value, mortgage sales, equity gone, foreclosures, owned by the Gold Sharks, and the man who has spent years of toil in improving it is turned out homeless, with no where to lay his head. Yet the cry is "Sound Money," and less of it, and by party manipulation, and tariff speeches, the Gold Sharks expect to conquer. Who is to blame for all this? Those who have controlled the government for the last thirty years. Shall we endure it longer? The republicans are with Cleveland democrats on everything except 3 per cent on the tariff. They are controlled by the same crowd of moneyed monopolists. Think about these things from now until election and then act once in your own behalf, and for the welfare of your family.

THAT GREAT WAVE.

Failures Continue to Increase in the United States and Canada.

Failures in business are increasing at a rapid rate. The predictions of the moneyed prophets seem to have been made too soon. R. G. Dun & Co. in their weekly review of trade say:

"Failures in three weeks of February aggregate \$10,989,936 against \$8,523,028 last year and \$11,420,418 in 1894. Failures for the week have been 278 in the United States against 259 last year and 58 in Canada against 38 last year." This report shows an increase of 29 failures over the same week of last year. The increase in Canada was 20. The total failures in this country since July 1st, 1895, are 2,848, a gain of 255 over 1895 for the same time. In Canada they have amounted to 519, an increase of 109 over last year for the same time. The Bi-Chloride of Bouds is a slow cure. It may be sure. We shall see and report later.

YOU ARE RIGHT, STEWART.

Every Man in the old Parties is an Enemy, and We Will Shoot on Sight.

It is impossible to discriminate between the innocent and guilty of those who are serving the enemy and fighting the friends of reform. We shall hereafter treat every man who remains in either of the old gold parties as a goldite, because we regard him as more dangerous than an avowed enemy. He is a secret foe; if not in principle, in practice; he is recruiting for the enemy; he is serving as a sort of decoy duck to lead the unwary into the trap of the iniquities conceived by Rothschild and his co-conspirators, who are known to be enemies of the human race. If you have no desire to injure your country, come out from among those who support the agents of gold monopoly, whether they be gold republicans or democrats. "Wherefore, come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you."—II Cor. 6:17.—Senator Stewart.

Allen for President.

ZANESVILLE, Ohio, Feb. 22, 1896.

EDITOR INDEPENDENT: I would be pleased to have a few sample copies of your paper. There are several of us here that wish to take a good western populist paper and have heard your paper favorably mentioned, but have not yet seen a copy. We are all for Allen for president and a square fight on the three cardinal principles of the party, finances land and transportation.

JOHN H. JOSSELYN.

SENATORIAL COURTESY

Allen Lays it Aside and Gives the Republican Senators the Lie Direct.

AND TEARS OFF THEIR MASKS

Aldrich and Platt Declare That They are not Bimetallists.

And "You Have Lied Upon This Question For Three Years."

The following clipped from page 2407 of the Congressional Record, shows how Allen drew the plutocratic republican senators up the snubbing post and made them squarely face the silver issue, it being the first time they have ever been forced to make an unequivocal statement on the subject:

Mr. Allen. Mr. President, the trouble is that nothing practical will come out of the discussion here. The honorable senator from Vermont [Mr. Morrill] and the honorable senator from Ohio [Mr. Sherman] are permitted to run away from the chamber without any practical result coming from the propositions they make.

The senator from Vermont has undertaken to cast upon the populist party the responsibility for a failure to carry his motion this morning. It is irresponsible, Mr. President, and it is perfectly willing to assume the responsibility and all the consequences that may flow from it. I see present my amiable and distinguished friend the senator from Rhode Island [Mr. Aldrich], who always coaches the senator from Vermont, the chairman of the committee on finance, and I wish to ask the senator from Rhode Island, who has said he is a bimetallist and that his party is a bimetallic party, whether he is willing to take the tariff bill just as it comes from the house of representatives with the free silver coinage amendment attached to it?

Mr. Aldrich. Does the senator from Nebraska wish an answer from me?

Mr. Allen. I desire to have an answer from some responsible head of the republican party, if it has one.

Mr. Aldrich. Answer, then, frankly, no, with as much emphasis as it is possible for me to use.

Mr. Allen. I am glad to hear it, because it stamps the republican party as the enemy of bimetallism. Your party has been masquerading for three years under false pretenses in this chamber.

Mr. Morgan (to Mr. Allen). Ask him if he would take the McKinley law with free coinage.

Mr. Allen. The senator from Alabama suggests that I ask if you will take the McKinley bill with free coinage. Will you do that?

Mr. Platt. No.

Mr. Aldrich. The senator from Connecticut says "No." Are there any circumstances under which you will take free coinage?

Mr. Aldrich. No, sir.

Mr. Allen. No, sir.

Mr. Platt. Except by an international agreement.

Mr. Aldrich. Unless an international agreement on the subject shall be first secured.

Mr. Allen. Oh, yes. Now, that discloses exactly what we have always claimed. There is no circumstances under which you are bimetallist.

Mr. Platt. Oh, Mr. President.

Mr. Allen. You have lied upon the question, if I may speak metaphorically, for three years to my certain knowledge. For three years you have stood in this chamber and have undertaken to make the people of this country believe that you are a bimetallist, and now when you are put to test you will not take silver with this tariff bill and you will not take it with the McKinley bill and you will not take it under any circumstances.

Andrew Carnegie, the greatest protectionist of them all and who has made more out of tariffs than any other man in the United States frankly stated the position of the republican leaders when he said, over three years ago, that as between free silver and free trade he would take free trade. "I would rather have," he said, "the gold standard and free trade, than protection and free silver." If, after the above episode in the senate there is a man living who is fool enough to believe that the republican party is in favor of bimetalism, he well deserve no pity if he is made a slave.—[Ed. INDEPENDENT.]

A Splendid Paper.

THE NEBRASKA INDEPENDENT came to our exchange table this week, and it is a splendid paper. It is published by the Independent Publishing Company, and is edited by one who comprehends the needs of the hour.

More Associated Press Lying.

One day last week the subsidized populist-hating commercial press reported it all over the country that Congressman M. W. Howard, populist from Alabama, had appeared on the floor of the house, drunk. Upon investigation the whole story proved to be a lie out of whole cloth, and these same dirty sheets were compelled to acknowledge it in their own columns. It is a well-known fact that there is more than one congressman in Washington, who are not populists, that are continually drunk, and have been for weeks and months, yet these lying sheets never say a word about it.—Silver Knight.

They've Loaded Their Guns

It seems that nearly the whole population of Gage county are engaged in the study of economics. At Beatrice they have organized a financial reform club, which

has already nearly one hundred members. Mr. I. T. Uren is the president of the club, and Mr. E. Ellis, editor of the Tribune is the secretary. They have already held two important meetings and are now completing arrangements for another.

They are determined that the tricks of the goldite democrats and republicans which resulted in the defeat of McKiegan and the election of a gold bug to congress in his stead shall not be worked again. So they have already begun the campaign, and they will shoot to kill every time they see a gold bug head from now until November.

"FOR GOD'S SAKE BE PATIENT."

Don't Help the Money Power by Misguided Zeal.

Let every man guide his utterances carefully. Let kindness and good will prevail on all sides. And do not insist, as some are doing, that the free silverites must accept every plank of the people's party platform. The very idea of having two conventions is that men may vote together who differ somewhat in their opinions.

The two platforms of the two conventions will not be hostile to each other, but one may possess planks which the other does not. This will be all the difference between the two wings of the great army of reform.

If we fail to unite at St. Louis the results will be most disastrous—they may be irremediable. Think how many hundred thousand of good, true, honest American citizens will be driven out of their homes, with their families, and reduced to pauperism, by mortgage foreclosures, and otherwise, if plutocracy is to continue in power for four years longer!

Think to what extremes the desperation of the wretched may drive the multitude—to be followed, perhaps, by repression, by standing armies and radical changes in our form of government. This may be our last national election.

For God's sake, friends be patient and tolerant with each other. Don't claw each others' faces. Every man who opposes plutocracy is our friend, our true and treasured friend even if he does not agree with us on every public question. If he is ready to fight the gold power that is enough.

We hope the misguided zeal of honest men will not unintentionally supplement the corruption funds of the money power, to tear us to pieces, and make success forever impossible.—Ignatius Donnelly in The Representative.

THE PEOPLE WILL UNITE.

No Power on Earth Can Restrain Their Wrath Against Their Destroyers.

We are sorry to see that some of our good people are disposed to criticize Hon. H. E. Taubeneck, chairman of the people's party national committee, and to mutter suspicions against him. They mistake his eager zeal for the success of the party for desertion of its principles. For ourself, we have the most unbounded confidence in him. We can never forget how he stood out alone, in the Illinois legislature, when both his people's party colleagues had deserted him and united with the democrats to elect that single-standard advocate, Senator Palmer, to the United States senate; and in the midst of the triumphant uproar he laid his head on his desk and wept aloud. That kind of man is no traitor. He may be wrong, but he will be honestly wrong. The conventions of July 22d will demonstrate that there are honest and earnest gentlemen on both sides; and when they have once agreed upon the same ticket, all jealousies will disappear in one wild whirlwind of loyalty, delight and enthusiasm.

The people of the United States are going to unite, eventually, in a grand movement to destroy their destroyers; and there is no power on earth can prevent their harmonious and triumphant co-operation; and that, too, without the slightest sacrifice of principle on either side.—Ignatius Donnelly in the Representative.

Delinquent subscribers must pay up, at least in part.

Massachusetts Wakes up.

The populists of Massachusetts held, February 22d, the largest and most enthusiastic convention of the party ever held in the state. Over 300 delegates, representing every part of the state, were present. They adopted the following platform:

Resolved, That the people's party of Massachusetts, declaring for the ultimate destruction of all monopolies that are oppressing the people, and recognizing the fact that there is a rapidly growing sentiment among the followers of all political parties in opposition to money monopoly, affirm our belief that in the irrepressible conflict to improve the financial and industrial conditions and restore the republic to its normal prosperity, we should welcome the co-operation of all those opposing to the money power that is attempting to fix upon this country the British gold standard, and to secure its defeat, we should endeavor to unite all forces into one aggressive, irresistible phalanx that will secure free coinage of both silver and gold at 16 to 1, and the issue of all currency by the United States without the intervention of banks of issue, to be receivable for all debts, public and private.

We believe also that there should be a plank on land, transportation and monopolies in the platform.

Delegates were elected to the national convention in St. Louis.